it is estimated to be around 86 M.kgs. as against the target of 75 M.kgs.

(c) Yes, Sir, there is such fear in certain quarters.

(d) As per the return submitted to the Tobacco Board by the A.P. Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Union Ltd., a quantity of 1359.11 tons of FCV tobacco lying with them on 28-2-90.

(e) The Tobacco Board is keeping a close watch on the prices at the auctions & taking suitable action to ensure that the growers get reasonable price for their produce.

Setting up of Food Processing Industries in backward and tribal areas

2001. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many food processing industries are working in the country at present;

(b) how many of them are manned by local entrepreneurs;

(c) whether Government sanction any grant and subsidy to start such industry in backward areas; and

(d) if so, whether there is any such industry in any of the tribal areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Food Processing Industries are in the organised, un-organised and cooperative sectors. Information in respect of all the food processing industries in different sectors is not being maintained Centrally.

Central Government gives incentives for the development of small scale industries including food processing industries in the rural and backward areas. The main incentives are term loan, working capital at concessional rates, transport subsidy for hilly and specified areas.

Payment of HRA/CCA to Bank Employees working at Gurgaon at Delhi rates

2002. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Food Corporation of India and Central Schools etc. posted at Gurgaon are getting HRA/CCA at Delhi rates whereas employees of various banks located in Gurgaon are not being paid at that rate;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to rectify the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) The employees of public sector banks and those of public sector undertakings e.g. IDPL, FCI, etc. are paid pay and allowances including HRA and CCA in terms of their respective bilateral/tripartite settlements which are not identical. Hence, no rectification appears to be called for.

Supply of Water to Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant

2003. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations are going on between the Central Government and the Andhra Pradesh State Government in regard to supply of water to the Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh Government has undertaken the construction of a canal for supply of water to Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant from river Yeleru. The question of containing delay in the completion of this canal has all along been the subject matter of dis-